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SUBJ: AMERICAN BLACKMARKET SUSPECTS FORMALLY CHARGED

1. PROCESS OF CHARGING PERSONS ARRESTED FEB. 13-15 FOR BLACK MARKETING COMPLETED EVENING MARCH 19. OF TWELVE AMERICANS ARRESTED, TWO WERE CHARGED WITH COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY VIOLATIONS, AND REMAINING TEN (INCLUDING ONE DEPENDENT TURKISH NATIONAL WIFE) WITH COLLECTIVE SMUGGLING. LATTER OFFENSE COULD RESULT FIVE YEARS IMPRISONMENT. NONE OF AMERICANS SUBJECT TO PRE-TRIAL CONFINEMENT. OF FORTY-TWO TURKS ARRESTED, TWO WERE

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CONFINED PENDING TRIAL; ONE CONFESSED TO BLACK MARKET ACTIVITY; ONE IDENTIFIED BY AMERICAN AS SOURCE OF COUNTERFEIT $50 BILL.

2. GOODS TAKEN DURING ARRESTS HAVE BEEN INVENTORIED BY TUER REPRESENTATIVES. 85 PCT OF TOTAL IDENTIFIED AS COMING FROM U.S. FACILITIES (PX, CLASS VI, COMMISSARY, ETC.). STORE
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VALUE OF GOODS THUS IDENTIFIED ESTIMATED AT $325,000-

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350,000, ANDBLACKMARKET VALUE ESTIMATED AT $722,000.

3. PROSECUTOR'S INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUE. NEXT HEARING DATE UNKNOWN. DELAY IN CHARGING REPORTEDLY DUE TO TIME NEEDED BY CUSTOMS PERSONNEL TO INVENTORY AND EVALUATE GOODS AND FIX LEVY OF FINES, CUSTOMS, AND TAXES DUE.
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